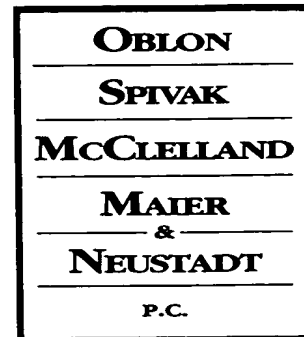




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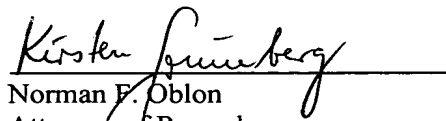
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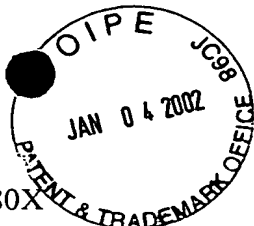
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group II, Claims 19-22, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a process of hydrodesulfurization;

Group II: Claims 19-22, drawn to a composition of a catalyst;

Group III: Claims 23-26, drawn to a method of making a catalyst.

Applicants have elected Group II, Claims 19-22, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the product of
Group II is made by the process of Group III, as such the product and process are